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Qualified voters without an approved photo ID may obtain a free Election Identification Card from DPS.

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## What does "substantially similar" mean?

A voter's name is considered substantially similar if one or more of the following circumstances applies:

1. The name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields on the official list of registered voters.
2. The name on the voter's ID or on list of registered voters is a customary variation of the voter's formal name. For example, Bill for William, or Beto for Alberto.
3. The voter's name contains an initial, middle name, or former name that is either not on the official list of registered voters or on the voter's ID.
4. A first name, middle name, former name or initial of the voter's name occupies a different field on the presented ID document than it does on the list of registered voters.

In considering whether a name is substantially similar, election officials will also look at whether information on the presented ID matches elements of the voter's information on the official list of registered voters such as the voter's residence address or date of birth.



### Not Registered?

To vote in Texas, you must be registered. Simply pick up a voter registration application, fill it out, and mail it at least 30 days before the election date.

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### Remind your friends to vote

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### Voting is easy, so is getting the facts

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